

December

Four large beds have been cleared by the main entrance, the mounds which formed them were cut down to the normal level previous to turning over.

The Turf we are now laying, is brought from Magazine Hill by permission of Baylis Esq. late actg. Surveyor General and since the rains the Coolies have been busy laying it down. Large quantities of the soil pared off the turf has been spread over the hill facing the Supt's house to encourage the growth of grass.

The walks leading to the Emir enclosure, the Rocket, and from the hill down to the Lake by the new drain have been removed.

The Lily Lake has been cleaned out.

Two Cases of Plants have arrived from Australia & one from the Royal Gardens Kew. also two from Mr. Munson.

In the Nursery quantities of cuttings of various kinds have been got in, the weather being now favorable. Of four varieties of N. American grasses sown only 1 has come up; and of three species of Eucalypti 2 have germinated freely.

I have the honor to be
Yours obedt. Servt.
J. Smith
Chief Gardener

To
Mr. J. Munson Esq.
Supt. Bot. & Zoo Gardens Singapore

It is my untaken duty to report
some serious infringements of the rules
since my last Report. Some very rare
ferns have been pulled up from the Peat bog
and some young Conifers have been
disfigured.

During my trip in Perthshire some
fine peepers of lawn which have been formed
by sowing grass seeds and as turf now costs
six pence per load for carting about I would
suggest the plan of seed sowing as more
economical.

I have also to request the Committee to
empower me to expend a certain sum for
flower seeds and bulbs etc.

I am very much at a loss what to do
with my herbarium, as I have no accommodation
for it whatever, and as it now includes
some thousands of specimens I beg to
request that the Committee will take
the matter into consideration.

Contributions of plants and seeds have
been received from Genl Macartney
Jamaica, Lord Pringle, Adelaide
New Zealand, Sarawak and from the
Hon. Mr. St. Reid and Dr. King of Scotland
has very kindly offered to send for plants
of Ericaceae and by thousands should
be required them.

I have the honor to be
Yours Obedt Servt
J. Macartney
Chairman of the
Garden Committee